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TAX LAW IS DECIDED TO BE INVALID

The Supreme Court Hands Down
Ruling in the Case Carried
Up From Multnomah
County.

An Extra Session of Legislature
Must Be Called to Remedy
the Defect.

LIKELY THIS WILL BE DONE

Believed the Governor Will Is-
sue Call—Special Elections
Necessary in Five
Counties.

Salem, Oct. 31.—The supreme court today in the case of Maria L. Flanders, respondent, vs. Multnomah county et al., appellants, handed down an opinion holding that the decision of the lower court is affirmed and that the former tax law is repealed by the law of 1903, and there is no law authorizing the making a levy of taxes on the assessment of 1903.

The effect of this opinion is that unless a special session of the legislature is called for the purpose of authorizing the levying of a tax for the year 1903, the assessment rolls of this year, which have already been completed, will be worthless, and many counties in the state will be without funds with which to conduct their affairs.

While the supreme court does not allude to the possibility or necessity for a special session in any language whatever, it is understood that as county courts are rendered powerless to levy the tax, a special session is the only possible relief.

This suit was brought by Maria L. Flanders, of Portland, against the county officers of Multnomah county to enjoin them from incurring any expenses in anticipation of a levy in January, on the ground that no such levy could be made. County officers demurred to the complaint and the Circuit court of Multnomah county overruled the demurrer and made the injunction perpetual, from which decision an appeal was taken to the supreme court. By this manner of proceeding upon the part of a taxpayer of Multnomah county the question was directly raised whether there was authority of law for the levy of county and state taxes next January. Plaintiff contended that, since the amendment went into effect on January 1, all proceedings under the old law must cease on that date. Defendants contended that, although the new law went into effect on January 1, it was the evident intention of the legislature that all assessment and taxation proceedings then under way should be completed in accordance with the law under which they were commenced.

EXTRA SESSION OF LEGISLATURE.

Portland, Oct. 31.—The opinion prevails among a majority of the best informed citizens of Oregon that Governor Chamberlain will call an extra session of the legislature for the purpose of relieving the state of the peculiar situation brought about by the decision of the supreme court in declaring that there can be no tax levy made for 1903 under the existing laws. In effect the decision, should Governor Chamberlain decline to convene the legislature to pass remedial legislation, will be to deprive every city and county as well as the state itself of all revenue from taxation for the current year. Governor Chamberlain has been in the east for some time, but is now believed to be on his way home.

Should the governor convene the legislature in special session, special elections will be necessary in five of the counties of the state, where there are vacancies. One of the counties is Clatsop, which will be called upon to elect a successor to United States Senator Fulton. As a special election will cost \$1400 or \$1500, the decision of the supreme court is not at all pleasing to county officials. However, it is felt locally that it is better to have done with the matter at present than at some future date, for certain it is that eventually the law must be changed so as to permit the counties and cities of the state to catch up with their tax levies.

REBUKE FOR FOUR HUNDRED

Mrs. Burdette Scores the Modern Society Woman.

Chicago, Oct. 31.—Mrs. Robert J. Burdette, of Los Angeles, Cal., has made a scathing arraignment of the "four hundred" class, in an address delivered before a local woman's club. "The smart set is nothing but an exorcism on real society," says Mrs. Burdette. She declared that no such aggregation could ever be other than an insignificant factor in the life of a great nation.

"When asked to consider the society woman," said Mrs. Burdette, "a large

proportion of the not over thoughtful will immediately hang on the eye-line of their mental picture gallery the portrait of a chamber-like creature that baffles recognition as she reflects the horse show, the ball room, the street, the banquet hall, the boudoir, the automobile, as a creature that is all things to all men and nothing to any man.

"She is a creature whose favorite companions of what is called the sterner sex are insipid and brainless creatures who are called men only because they are not women. She is a woman whose whole life is one in questionable safety, who smokes at a dinner with men and who drinks rather too much at times. The announcement of her marriage brings a smile with the uplifted eyebrow and her divorce suit is accepted as a matter of course."

MONEY MARKET TIGHT.

New York, Oct. 31.—The money market has grown tight during the week as a result of the heavy withdrawals of currency due to the emergency at St. Louis and to supply the crop moving needs both from the cotton and the grain districts. Sterling exchange has broken nearly to the gold import point, but some apprehension is felt that stringent money may intervene before the arrival of gold imports will afford relief. The stock market has become exceedingly dull and apathetic as a result of these conditions. Although the demand is paralyzed, there is little pressure to sell, in spite of a growing tendency toward a decline in activity in various branches of business.

MISS LAYTON HAS CONFESSED

Pretty Girl Who Robbed Card Company Is in Jail.

New York, Oct. 31.—Marie Layton, who was arrested a few weeks ago and pleaded guilty to charges of embezzlement brought by officers of the United States Playing Card Company, is reported to have made a complete confession showing that she diverted from the company's bank account \$37,000 while acting during six years as confidential clerk in the New York office. Miss Layton is now awaiting sentence. The confession was made first to Assistant District Attorney Sanford. The woman has turned \$5000 back to her employers, all the money she saved. In her confession she mentions the name of a prominent officer of a New York corporation, who, she says, profited by her stealings. She alleges that the man got her to cash checks and in that way she got rid of a good deal of the money. The balance went in high living.

Miss Layton will be arraigned in Judge Foster's court Monday for sentence. A strong plea for clemency will be made.

DOWIE DENOUNCES HIS SON

Brands as False Confession Recently Made by Elijah.

Chicago, Oct. 31.—A dispatch to the Chronicle from Essex, Iowa, says: John Murray Dowie, crushed by the attack made upon him by his son, John Alexander Dowie, says:

"The statement that I am not the father of John Alexander Dowie is the greatest myth ever uttered by the mouth of man. It is scandalous that my son should repudiate me after I have done so much for him. He is my son and was born in lawful wedlock. The records may be had at the register offices, Princess street Edinburgh, Scotland."

Judge Dowie, who is respected by the whole community, lives here in his little cottage. The resemblance between John Murray Dowie and John Alexander Dowie is so close that the father has often been taken for his son.

PLUCKY WOMAN USES RIFLE

Portland Couple Rout Burglar and Send Him Flying.

Portland, Oct. 31.—Awaken by unusual noises at an early hour this morning, Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Burrell, who reside at 23 Hawthorne avenue, armed themselves and began an investigation. Mrs. Burrell took a rifle and Mr. Burrell took a revolver. Descending into one of the lower rooms Mrs. Burrell saw the figure of a man and raising her rifle fired at the intruder. A cry of pain indicated that the man had been injured but before either Mrs. Burrell or her husband could fire again the burglar escaped through an open window. The police traced the burglar toward the river where the tracks were lost.

SENSATIONAL SUICIDE.

Los Angeles, Oct. 31.—Ferdia Ridder, a German saloon keeper, 37 years old, has committed suicide in a sensational manner at his home in this city. With his wife and two children standing before the door of his bedroom in which he had locked himself, and with words of prayer from them for him not to injure himself, Ridder blew out his brains with a rifle.

MILITARY MAN INDICTED.

San Francisco, Oct. 31.—Louis C. Hamilton, formerly first lieutenant in the United States army, was today indicted for forgery and fraud. Bail was fixed at \$2000. He is alleged to have attempted to cash forged sale warrants. He is at present in Washington.

REMARKABLE ELECTRICAL VIBRATION

Aurora Borealis Interrupts Business of Telegraph and Telephone Companies to a Marked Degree.

Atmospheric Disturbance Interferes With Wires All Over the World.

WORLD'S NEWS SIDETRACKED

Nature Applies Enough Voltage to Wires to Cause Man's Death With No Battery Attached.

Chicago, Oct. 31.—Serious disturbances said to be due to the aurora borealis are causing great interference with telegraph wires all over the world. Ocean cables were rendered almost useless, and telegraph and long distance telephone communication was at times almost wholly suspended. The precise effect of other waves said to be caused by the aurora borealis, is not known, but no means have ever been devised successfully to combat their influence, and during such disturbances companies operating electrical apparatus are wholly at their mercy.

At the climax of the disturbance there were 676 volts of electricity enough to kill a man—in the wires without the battery attached. An hour later the trouble had virtually disappeared. "The worst electrical disturbance in this city in 35 years," said Chief Operator Pettit, of the Postal Telegraph Company, "at time there were no workable wires in any direction and the cable service was seriously affected on both the Atlantic and Pacific."

SEATTLE PEOPLE ENJOY IT.

Seattle, Oct. 31.—The aurora borealis was distinctly visible here and while at its maximum presented a beautiful sight to all who beheld it.

DELAYS BUSINESS.

New York, Oct. 31.—The French cable company has given notice owing to atmospheric conditions, the business will be subject to heavy delay.

FELT IN PORTLAND.

Portland, Oct. 31.—Interference caused by the wave was noticed in Portland and has been causing serious inconvenience to telegraph companies and long distance telephones.

SEEN AT ASTORIA.

The aurora borealis made a striking appearance over this city, as noted in The Astorian yesterday morning. The

remarkable greenish cast to the sky, studded as it was with brilliant stars, evoked exclamations of wonder and admiration from all beholders. The effect was felt last night when the dispatches were delayed in transmission.

BRILLIANT DISPLAY.

Duluth, Minn., Oct. 31.—The most brilliant display of aurora borealis seen in years was enjoyed here early today.

THOUGHT IT WAS FIRE.

Salt Lake City, Oct. 31.—The aurora borealis was so distinct here that it caused many people to think a huge forest fire was raging north of the city.

BURNED THE COLLEGE.

New York, Oct. 31.—Men who guard the New York watershed at Amawalk, Westchester county, have applied the torch to the \$100,000 college of the Christian Brothers, a Catholic institution, where 100 boys were being educated. The brothers a few months ago obtained an injunction against the water shed commission to prevent the destruction of the building. The injunction expired this week and it was decided to burn the building. The brothers, having received their condemnation award, left with the students several weeks ago for Baltimore and other cities, where they will establish new schools.

INTEREST IN CITY ELECTION

The Campaign at San Francisco Comes to a Close.

San Francisco, Oct. 31.—The municipal campaign which closed here tonight has been one of unusual interest as under the charter recently adopted the mayor will have the appointment of commissions which will direct the expenditure of \$15,000,000 for the improvement of the city.

Three candidates for mayor are in the field. The republicans have nominated Henry J. Crocker, a wealthy business man, and the democrats, Franklin K. Lane, an ex-newspaper man. Eugene Schmitz, the present mayor, who was elected two years ago by the union labor party, is a candidate for re-election.

DARING MARINER SAFE.

Victoria, Oct. 31.—The Talakum, an Indian canoe converted into a yacht of four tons, which left Victoria to tour the world with a lone mariner, J. C. Voss, and which made the trip to Australia, has been reported in letters received from Voss dated at Tanu, New Hebrides, on September 9. He was en route to Thursday Island and to Africa, whence he intends to cruise to London.

OREGON DELEGATION EN ROUTE.

Portland, Oct. 31.—The Oregon delegation to the Traveling Passengers Association which meets at New Orleans, November 11, departed for the Crescent City tonight. The delegation goes prepared to make a strenuous campaign to secure the next convention for Portland.

COLLISION OF TRAINS ENDS ALL

Footballists and Rooters Perish Miserably in Gala Dress and With Their Colors Flying.

Passenger Train En Route for Gridiron Crashes Into a Freight Engine.

MEET DEATH BEYOND CURVE

The Coaches Are Telescoped or Smashed to Kindling Wood While Wreckage Piles on Victims.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 31.—Fifteen persons were killed and over 50 injured some fatally, at 10:30 today in a collision between a special passenger train on the Big Four railroad and a freight engine with a string of coal cars. The accident happened in the edge of this city. The passenger train of 12 coaches was carrying 364 persons, nearly all of whom were students of the Purdue university, and their friends from Lafayette to Indianapolis for the annual football game between the Purdue team and the Indiana university team, which was to have been fought this afternoon. In the first coach back of the engine were the Purdue football team, sub-players and managers. Three players, the assistant coach, the trainer and seven sub-players were killed and every one of 54 persons on the car were either fatally or seriously injured.

Of the 53 persons injured in the wreck 39 are seriously hurt, nearly all having broken bones. From 12 coaches were coming joyous cries from a thousand rooters for Purdue, clad in gala dress and with colors streaming, while in the front coach sat 20 great muscular fellows trained to the hour, on whom hopes for a brilliant victory on the gridiron were confidently placed. Rounding a curve the engineer found directly in front of him a freight engine and coal cars moving slowly from a switch leading to the gravel pit. He reversed his engine and jumped.

The first car in which were the players was completely demolished, the roof being torn away and falling across a car of coal while the body of the car was reduced to kindling wood against the sides of the steel freight cars. The second coach containing a brass band was partly telescoped and the coach was overturned and hurled down a 15 foot embankment. The other coaches did not leave the track.

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